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POCKLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Pocklington.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Blight and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your consideration, my Annual Report for the year 1949.

During the year, four cases of Infantile Paralysis were notified as occurring within the District. One of these cases resulted in death. Two cases occurred in the children of European Voluntary Workers. One of these cases resulted in severe residual paralysis, while in the the other case the child died. These children resided in different parishes, widely separated, in the District and no common source of infection could be traced.

An epidemic of Measles occurred, 306 cases being notified. These cases were spread throughout the District.

I should like to thank all members of the staff for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. WILSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	101,521
Number of inhabited houses (approx)	4,519
Registrar-General's estimate of civilian population	14,440
Registrar-General's estimate of total population	15,460
Rateable value	£49,955
Sum represented by a penny rate	£194.14.5

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate	124	113	237
Illegitimate	9	2	11
	133	115	248

Birth Rate	17.2 per 1,000
Illegitimate Rate	4.4% of total births
Still births	11
Rate per 1,000 of the population	0.76
Deaths of infants under one year	10
Infant Mortality	40.3 per 1,000 births

	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths	105	74	179
Death rate per 1,000			12.4

Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates during the Year, 1949

	Live Birth	Still Birth	Deaths	Deaths of children one year of age, per 1000 registered live births
	(Rates per	1000 civilian	population)	
England and Wales	16.7	0.39	11.7	32
126 C.B.s and Great Towns including London.	18.7	0.47	12.5	37
148 Smaller Towns	18.0	0.40	11.6	30
London Admin. County	18.5	0.37	12.2	29

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates Pocklington R.D.C.

Year.	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate
1948	16.35	8.8	22.7
1949	17.2	12.4	40.3

Table showing causes of death in Pocklington R.D.C. 1949.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
	All Causes	105	74	179
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	—	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	1	5
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	—	—	—
9.	Influenza	—	1	1
10.	Measles	—	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	—	1	1
12.	Acute infective Encephalitis	—	—	—
13.	Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (M) uterus (F)	3	—	3
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	2	4
15.	Cancer of breast	—	5	5
16.	Cancer of all other sites	8	5	13
17.	Diabetes	—	—	—
18.	Intra-cranial vascular lesions	16	15	31
19.	Heart Diseases	31	22	53
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	4	3	7
21.	Bronchitis	2	1	3
22.	Pneumonia	3	2	5
23.	Other respiratory diseases	3	—	3
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—	1
25.	Diarrhoea under 2 years	—	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	—	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	1	2	3
28.	Nephritis	4	6	10
29.	Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	—	1	1
30.	Other maternal causes	—	—	—
31.	Premature birth	1	—	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile distortions	2	2	4
33.	Suicide	3	—	3
34.	Road traffic accidents	3	—	3
35.	Other violent causes	7	—	7
36.	All other causes	7	5	12

Table showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths during 1949

	M	F	Total
Under 1 year ...	6	4	10
1 — 5	1	1	2
5 — 15	—	2	2
15 — 25	1	—	1
25 — 45	11	4	15
45 — 55	6	3	9
55 — 65	13	12	25
65 — 75	21	15	36
75 and over ...	46	33	79
Totals ...	105	74	179

Prevalance of, and Control Over Infectious Disease

The following cases have been notified during the year :—

Measles	306	cases
Whooping Cough	26	,,
Pneumonia	18	,,
Scarlet Fever	8	,,
Erysipelas	5	,,
Poliomyelitis	4	,,
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	case
Bacterial dysentary	1	,,

Tuberculosis.

Nineteen new cases of Tuberculosis were notified or came to notice during the year.

There were five deaths from Tuberculosis.

At the end of 1949, cases on the Tuberculosis Register were as follows :—

Pulmonary Males	26
Non-pulmonary Males	11
Pulmonary Females	18
Non-pulmonary Females	15
	70

General Provision of Health Services in the District

Nursing. A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is now available throughout the District as part of the County Council Scheme, under the National Health Service Act.

District Nurse Midwives are stationed at Pocklington, Shiptonthorpe, Wilberfoss, Driffield and Harlthorpe near Foggathorpe.

Laboratory Facilities. Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratory situated at Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to this Laboratory for examination.

Ambulance Service. Ambulances based at Pocklington and Market Weighton are available.

Treatment Centres and Clinics. Child Welfare Clinics are held fortnightly at Pocklington and Market Weighton, and monthly at Stamford Bridge and Warter.

An Ophthalmic Clinic is held monthly in Pocklington.

Orthopaedic Clinics are held at York, Driffield and Beverley.

Tuberculosis Clinics are held at Driffield, Beverley and York.

Venereal Diseases Clinics are held at York and Hull.

Hospitals. General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at York and Beverley.

Maternity cases go to Westow, Driffield or Beverley.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

It has not been necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

Water is supplied throughout the District, with the exception of Pocklington, Market Weighton, Goodmanham and Londesborough, by undertakings owned and operated by the Rural District Council.

Pocklington, Market Weighton and Goodmanham receive their supplies from private water undertakings.

Water supplied from the principal Council undertakings and by private Companies is chlorinated.

One hundred and fifty four samples of water were submitted for examination during the year with the following results :—

Raw Water.	
No. examined	60
Satisfactory	14
Unsatisfactory	46
Treated Water.	
No. examined	94
Satisfactory	78
Unsatisfactory	16

Particulars of the number of dwelling houses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains (a) direct to the houses, (b) by means of stand pipes and (c) from other private sources, is set out in the following table :—

Parish	No. of houses	Cat. 1. Number supplied direct from Public main	Cat. 2. Number supplied from Standpipes	Cat. 3. Number supplied from other private sources	Population figures for respective categories		
					Cat. 1.	Cat. 2.	Cat. 3.
Allerthorpe	49	49	Nil.	Nil.	210	—	—
Barmby Moor	166	163	Nil.	3	575	—	15
Bielby	51	50	Nil.	1	194	—	6
Bishop Wilton	147	129	Nil.	18	418	—	72
Bugthorpe	47	43	Nil.	4	170	—	20
Catton	70	61	Nil.	9	225	—	45
Cottingwith	77	72	Nil.	5	248	—	20
Everingham	81	80	Nil.	1	345	—	5
Fangfoss	76	75	Nil.	1	274	—	6
Full Sutton	33	33	Nil.	Nil.	1490	inc. E.V.W.	Camp
Goodmanham	76	60	Nil.	16	210	Private Sup	ply 60
Hayton	83	83	Nil.	Nil.	298	—	2
Huggate	99	99	Nil.	Nil.	420	—	—
Kirby Underdale	46	18	Nil.	28	100	Estate Supp	ly 44
Londesborough	70	60	Nil.	10	270	—	50
Market Weighton	609	588	Nil.	21	1830	—	105
c/f ...	1780	1663	Nil.	117	7277	—	550

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					Cat. 1.	Cat. 2.	Cat. 3.
b/f ...	1780	1663	Nil.	117	7277	—	550
Melbourne	133	130	Nil.	3	568	—	12
Millington	75	70	Nil.	5	225	—	23
Nunburnholme	67	60	Nil.	7	216	—	30
Pocklington	919	915	Nil.	4	3338	—	20
Sancton	96	71	10	15	304	10	46
Seaton Ross	124	101	Nil.	23	294	—	76
Shiptonthorpe	131	121	Nil.	10	404	—	40
Skirpenbeck	24	19	Nil.	5	96	—	20
South Cliffe	34	34	Nil.	Nil.	170	—	—
Stamford Bridge	174	171	Nil.	3	488	—	12
Sutton-on-Derwent	71	62	Nil.	9	266	—	36
Thornton	37	34	Nil.	3	110	—	12
Warter	88	60	Nil.	28	250	—	150
Wilberfoss	199	189	Nil.	10	580	—	40
Yapham	56	50	Nil.	6	183	—	24
	4008	3750	10	248	14769	10	1091

Public Cleansing

The Council has arranged for the collection of house refuse at approximately monthly intervals, throughout the District, with the exception of Pocklington and Market Weighton. In the case of these parishes, power has been delegated to the Parish Councils.

Except in the parishes of Market Weighton and Pocklington, occupiers have to make their own arrangements for the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits and cess pools.

HOUSING

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	103
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	103
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub. head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 to 1932 ...	Nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	Nil
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	Approximately 25% of houses inspected under £15 R.V.

(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub. head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	approx. 80

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	80

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	—
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.	—
(a) by Owners.	—
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners.	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.	

(a) by Owners.

(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners. Nil

(c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. None

(2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. None.

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. None

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. None.

Housing Act, 1936 — Part IV — Overcrowding

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein.

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein. Not precisely known but some overcrowding inevitable yet.

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. Approx. 20 revealed in housing applications.

(c)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	In new houses — 130
	(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases.	130
(d)	Particulars of any case in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	Not known

New Housing

During the year 36 permanent prefabricated and 34 permanent houses have been completed by the Council and 12 houses have been completed by Private Enterprise. A further 48 houses are nearing completion.

Since the end of hostilities, 309 houses of the following types have been built.

Traditional Brick House	156
Airey Prefabricated House	100
Swedish Timber House	8
Temporary Houses, Aluminium	45
	309

At the end of the year there were approximately 305 applicants for Council houses.

The Rural Housing Survey has been completed and the following is a brief summary of the conditions found :—

Number of houses inspected	2391
Category 1. Satisfactory in all respects ...	518
Category 2. Minor repairs	453
Category 3. Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement	789

Category 4. Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts ..... —
Category 5. Unfit for habitation, and beyond repair at reasonable expense 631
Found overcrowded ..... not calculated

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations

Number of licences issued by the District Council under these Regulations ..... nil.

Meat and Other Foods

Meat Shops, Stalls, etc.—
Number of inspections ..... many

Ice Cream Premises

Number of manufacturers of ice-cream 3
Number of purveyors only 12
Number of inspections 30
Has any special action been necessary in connection with any class of food premises? No.

Unsound Food.

Considerable quantities of tinned fruit, tomato juice, fish, bottles of sauce, meat, meat roll, butter, etc., etc.